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GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCHOffice of Research and ReportsSubmittal for FY 1962 Office Estimates
Narrative Justification StatementA. Statement of Objectives

The Geographic Research activity consists of: (a) program formulation, direction, and supervision for the Geographic Area and the coordination of geographic and map intelligence research and production within the USIB structure; (b) geographic research and analysis in support of clandestine planning, field operations, unconventional and covert limited warfare, and targetings; analysis of geographic factors of significance to plans and policy; regional and topical analysis in support of economic, scientific, and current intelligence programs of CIA; and production of mapping intelligence, including coordination and preparation of contributions to MIB Chapters I and IX; (c) cartographic and charting support to all components of the CIA and Department of State, and other appropriate intelligence agencies; (d) provision of full library reference service for maps, photostatics, target charts, and map materials; and (e) coordination and staff support of an inter-agency foreign map and mapping photography procurement program designed to collect all types of maps on all foreign areas, and, especially Sino-Soviet Blue topographic maps.

B. Accomplishments During Fiscal Year 1960

1. Approximately 186 geographic intelligence reports and other substantive intelligence items were produced in FY 1960 -- somewhat more than equivalent production in the previous year. By far the largest part of the research effort was devoted to the direct support of other programs, namely: operational planning and field activities (30 percent, of which 24 percent was for DD/P and the remainder for joint-agency programs); the MIB program (20 percent); the intelligence production programs of components of CIA other than ORR (15 percent); intelligence programs of other government agencies (8 percent);

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and special intelligence collection programs (11 percent). Considerable time was expended during the year on special studies of Laos, Kerala State (India), and the Communist China-India border in support of U.S. plans and policy. Continued emphasis was given to unconventional and covert limited warfare, USSR city plans, the polar areas (especially Soviet activities in the Antarctic), and population groups in the Near East.

2. For the fifth consecutive year, all NIS commitments were met. This included completion of 12 Annuals in addition to the scheduled basic studies.

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3. The Division increased the number of items produced in FY 1960 approximately 19% above FY 1959. This was accomplished with 2.7% fewer available man-hours and an increase in overtime of almost 12%. In total 1,747 maps, charts, graphs, and other cartographic items were produced in support of or as finished intelligence. In addition to this total the NIS Map Coordinator processed 527 maps either as proofs or final contributions to the NIS reports. In both number of items processed and percent of total man-hours employed, OHR, Contributors to the NIS program, OCI, OSI, OSE, and DD/P accounted for the bulk of this increase. It is worth noting that requests from DD/P increased 34.72% over the previous year while the man-hours expended by the Division in production of maps and support of operational training activities for DD/P nearly doubled (79% increase). Production schedules for NIS contributions and the requirements of the [REDACTED] were met in all major commitments.

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5. During the year the inter-agency foreign map procurement program conducted by the Map Library on behalf of the Agency and the various governmental mapping organizations yielded 69,119 map sheets and 11,597 related publications. Domestic sources yielded 2,400 maps and engineers' drawings and 1,930 publications. The total acquisitions showed a slight decrease (2.4%) over the previous year, but is 19% above the average for the preceding three years.

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6. Collection support and guidance has been furnished to the Clandestine Services in connection with efforts to obtain topographic maps and geodetic data on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Foreign travel to brief and provide technical advice to both overt and covert collecting agencies was undertaken during the year. Background information on mapping organizations and personnel, both in and outside the Bloc, has been collected and collated for the use of field personnel and in Headquarters planning. An increasing number of specific operational leads and assessments have been developed through a variety of overt facilities in support of clandestine efforts.

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7. The exploitation of domestic intelligence sources through [REDACTED] and OCR has continued. Maps, aerial photography, and map intelligence on many areas of the world were collected for the intelligence community. Added emphasis was placed on the collection of organizational and biographic information on the Bloc through legal travellers, conferences, and exchanges.

8. Over 55,500 map sheets and 4,142 related publications were processed and added to the Agency holdings. These totals represent an increase of 54.4 percent over the previous year, in part due to a revision of the policy for series holdings. The photomosaic and target chart collection increased 14 percent to approximately 1,402,500 items. Maps and publications forwarded to the Vital Materials Repository totaled 12,037 items. The continuing effort to streamline holdings was intensified. In this connection all material in storage vaults was screened, obsolete maps and publications removed from holdings and 397,000 stock maps forwarded to the Records Center.

9. Requests for map reference services of all types totaled 23,008, approximately the same as the previous fiscal year. Of this total, 15,199 requests were for maps, and the remainder were for target charts, photomosaics, atlases, gazetteers, guide books, place names, and cartographic information.

C. Future Plans

Fiscal Year 1961

1. Research in support of operational planning for clandestine collection and field activities will probably increase. Trends in FY 1960 indicate that more research efforts will be required on South-east Asia, trans-Saharan Africa, and Latin America. It is not believed that the GFA has the capabilities of meeting all of these additional requirements under its present staffing pattern; all possible elimination of programs has already been made and in the case of Latin America we shall have to resuscitate a program previously reorganized almost to the point of extinction. Emphasis on guided-missiles intelligence and Soviet

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activities in Polar areas will be maintained. Continued support will be given to special Agency programs, including the current intelligence and estimates programs and the ^{USIB} city plan program. Somewhat reduced support will be available for intelligence programs of other USIB agencies. The MIS program will require about the same level of augmented support throughout FY 1961 as was given it during FY 1960.

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2. Production of maps, charts, and other cartographic items probably continues at the same or a slightly higher level than that of FY 1960. Support of the [redacted] due to the increase in collection effort will show some increase, as will the production of City Plan maps in support of DD/P operational requirements. Other operational requirements of DD/P, including assistance in their training program, will require increased support from the Division. No increase in Department of State requirements is anticipated. The contract with AGS for the production of the Asian Continent series of maps, 1:5,000,000 will have been completed, as well as the printing of these maps by AMS.

3. There will be continued development in both foreign and domestic phases of the coordinated inter-agency map procurement program. It is expected that a [redacted] position will be established [redacted] Continued Army support for the collection activities undertaken in connection with Sino-Soviet Bloc topographic maps and geodetic data has been assured. Additional travel in direct support of field collection units is planned in Europe and the Near East. Work will continue in developing additional specific operational leads, and assessing targets for clandestine collection efforts. Map reference activities will continue to expand as efforts to familiarize potential users bear fruit. The regional specialization of reference employees will provide more rapid and thorough servicing of requests.

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Fiscal Year 1962

1. Research emphasis will continue to be given to the priority needs of operational planning, programs, collection, and production for geographic intelligence support. It is anticipated that increased research effort will be required on Africa south of the Sahara and Latin America. Special environmental studies in support of scientific intelligence, national estimates, and current reporting will continue at the FY 1961 level.

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2. The production of maps, charts, graphs and other cartographic support will continue at an estimated level comparable to that of FY 1961. No change in the type or volume of cartographic requests is anticipated from FY 1961 to FY 1962. If approved, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the production of 17 special projection maps will be completed by the middle of FY 1962.

3. The move to the new building should greatly increase the numbers of map requests which will be handled, due to the physical proximity of the Map Library to the many operating parts of the Agency. This will undoubtedly require the assignment of additional personnel to the Reference Branch. The problem of continued high-quality service to the Department of State will also have to be solved when the Map Library will be removed from the vicinity of the Department. All procurement programs, foreign, domestic, and specialized will continue, with special emphasis on the attempts to obtain topographic maps of the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

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